(c) if so, whether any survey has been conducted;

(d) if so, the names of places indentified for the purpose; and

(e) by when construction work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) 33 Nos.

(b) Yes, Sir. Nine proposal are there.

(c) Yes, Sir. For Eight out of Nine proposals survey has been conducted.

(d) Places are:—Patiala, Sunam, Lehragaga, Bhatinda, Gill-Chowk Ludhiana, Rup Nagar, Chhajli, Jalandhar & Dhandari Kalan.

(e) No schedule can be fixed at this stage, as State Govt. is yet to complete certain preliminary pre-requisites required for inclusion of these works in the Railway's Works Programme.

Gauge Conversion in Bharuch-Dahej and Other Sectors

1828. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej, Mehasana-Patan, Samkhayali-Palanpur, Dabhoi-Miyagam, Ahmedabad-Himat-

nagar, Ahmedabad-Vijapur, Windmill Station to Bedi Bunder is sought of;

(b) if so, when the above-mentioned lines are to be converted into broad gauge; and

(c) whether Government intend to make appropriate provision in the Railway Budget of 2000-2001 for the above purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Position is as under:—

S. No.	Project	Status
1.	Bharuch-Dahej	Bharuch-Samni-Dahej has been covered in the proposed 3rd line from Ahmedabad to Virar for which survey report is under finalisation. No target date is fixed.
2.	Mehasana-Patan	Gauge conversion of Mehasana-patan is a part of Bhildi-Viramgam Project and the work is being progressed as per availability of resources. Work of reconstruction of bridges on this section has already been completed. No target date is fixed.
3.	Samkhayali-Palanpur	Work has been included in the budget 1998-99 and will be taken up after obtaining the requisite clearances. No target date is fixed.

S. No.	Project	Status
4.	Dabhoi-Miyagam	Survey for gauge conversion of this line has already been completed as an alternative line of the proposed alignment for 3rd line between Virar-Ahmedabad. However, this line could not be considered as part of 3rd line as the alignments on western side of Virar-Ahmedabad BG line has been found most suitable for the 3rd line on operational consideration.
5.	Ahmedabad-Himatnagar	A survey for gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himatnagar-Udaipur is already in progress. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available. No target date is fixed.
6.	Ahmedabad-Vijapur	This proposal is under examination.
7.	Wind Mill Station-Bedi Bundar	This proposal is under examination.

(c) Position will only be known when the Budget 2000-2001 is presented to the Parliament in Feb'2000.

Genetically modified seeds

†1829. SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision regarding import of genetically modified seed; if so, the details thereof;

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.